"Those who are lovers of wisdom must be inquirers into many things indeed."
Clement of Alexandria

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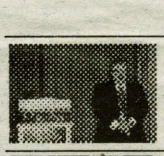

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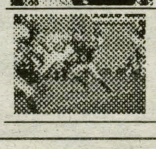

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Damage bills rising; South leads at 6K

by Lindy Roath '02
NEWS WRITER

While many students don't even take a look at damage bills when they return home with other semester bills, parents and students, especially the residents of South dorm, may take notice when damage bills are significantly higher this semester.

According to Residential Life Staff Assistant Nancy Perkins, who is in charge of billing students for personal and campus damages, official numbers for this semester's damages so far are not in. Perkins said she has not sent bills out yet, but will begin to send them soon. The distribution of these bills depends on Physical Plant getting the actual costs to Perkins, as well as on some judicial board matters that will identify the parties responsible for the damages.

Many students have noticed that students noticed a large number of toppled lamp posts, which the school must replace. Associate Director of the Physical Plant Frank Marsicane said that the plant has filed four separate work orders for replacement or repair of lampposts, and that students have damaged at least eight lampposts in all. Lamppost damage seems to make up the majority of the damage incurred to the campus overall.

"There is not too much damage to the campus in general. North Court seems to take a beating, but that is because there are a lot of parties held there," commented Marsicane.

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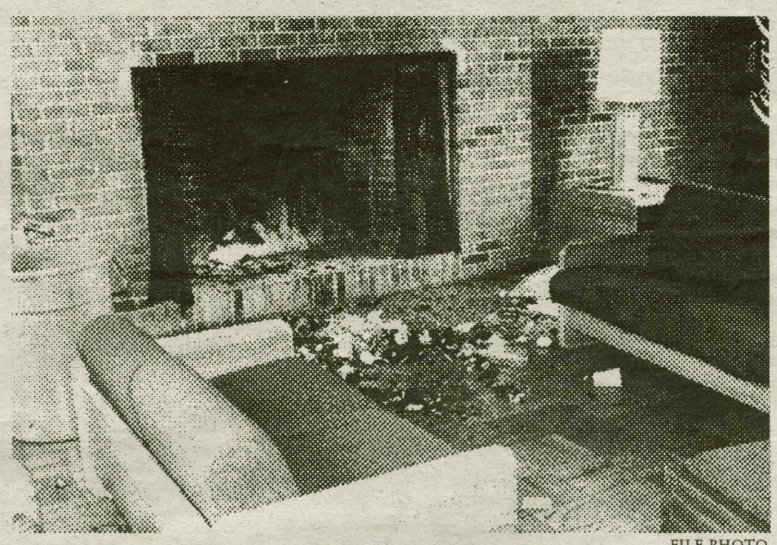

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South Residence Hall is on pace to top damage records set in Bundy East, pictured here. Campus damage continues to be a problem.

Young Democratic Socialists convene here

by Joe Livingston '02
NEWS WRITER

Socialism? At Hamilton College? Has the Red Army scaled our impenetrable walls? Will we soon stand in bread lines at Commons? Is our egalitarian-based capitalist system coming to a fierce and unexpected end? Well, the answer to all but the first two questions is a resounding "NO."

Now that we have established that neither our own secure and cozy existence at Hamilton nor the capitalist world beyond us is collapsing, one might be more amenable to hearing about an organization of radicals, a group of activists, and the struggling voice of a stifled body politic. They are the Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA), the youth division of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). The members of the YDSA have taken the strict Webster's definition of socialism as, "A theory or system of social reform which contemplates a complete reconstruction of society, with a more just and equitable distribution of property and labor" and incorporated these words to reflect the way they think, act, and go about their daily lives.

While most students at Hamilton stayed nestled in their beds, preparing for Halloween or studying, more than 30 college students and recent graduates ascended the hill to discuss and debate what they see as pressing issues of our age in their annual national conference. They came from many schools such as Columbia, NYU, the University of Chicago, and SUNY

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Student raising thousands to rebuild condemned animal shelter in Herkimer

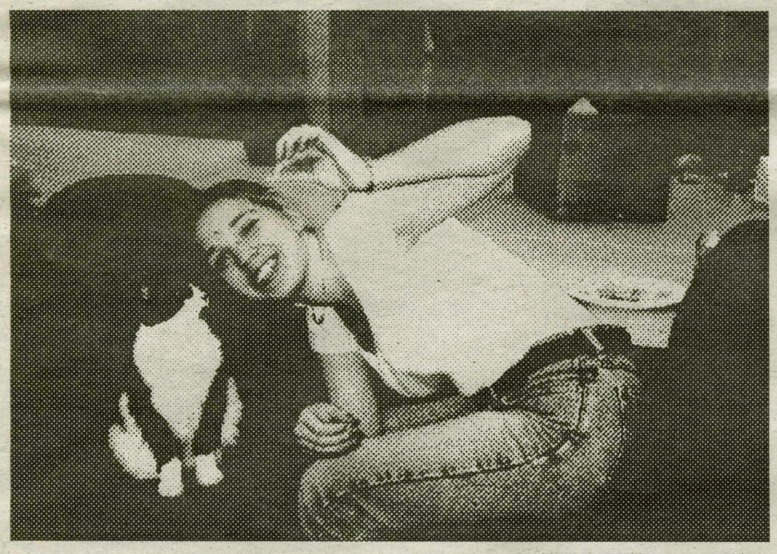

PHOTO BY CRISTEN SARGENT '01

HAVOC Executive Board Member Stacie Fitch '01 entertains a feline friend.

by Alisa Nichols '03
COPY EDITOR

In high school, working on a project often meant digging out the posterboard, construction paper, and glue, which you could assemble in an infinite number of ways for almost any class. In college, projects get a little more complicated, although some students put in more effort than others. Just ask Stacie Fitch '01, who's been working on a project with the Stevens Swann Humane Society since last year. Last semester, she got the idea to volunteer to help animals after seeing a commercial for the shelter on television and wondering why Hamilton, with its abundance of volunteer opportunities, did not have any programs to work with animals.

Originally, Fitch's project started through HAVOC and consisted of two areas-volunteering at the shelter and raising money for animal supplies. Just last year, 35-40 active volunteers gave their time to take care of the dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and other animals living at the shelter. Fitch and her volunteers raised over $1,000 in pet supplies, which they delivered to the shelter in several vans.

This year, Fitch has expanded her efforts to include the Herkimer Humane Society, which desperately needs help. At Herkimer, dogs live in a barn apart from the main building. Unfortunately, this barn did not pass inspection, which fueled Fitch's latest effort — to raise $20,000 to build a new facility. During Parents Weekend, the

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Psi Chi induction:

17students join psychology honor society

by Maurice Michaane '03
NEWS WRITER

This year the Hamilton College Psychology Honor Society, Psi Chi, had the privilege of inducting 17 new members.

"With their strong commitment to the science of psychology and shown promise in the field, we stand proud to induct these fine students into the national chapter of Psi Chi," said Chapter President John Dieterich '00.

The purpose of Psi Chi is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship and to advance the science of psychology. The two Greek words, "Psyche and Cheires" admirably summarize these aims. "Psyche" suggests the mind as well as scholarship, and the enrichment of the mind.

"That scholarship means more than the attainment of an honorable record," Zoe Kostoss '00, a member of Psi Chi, added. "It demands that one not be content with merely adequate performance of the tasks required, but that the individual strives for real mastery of the subject to which they are devoting their mind."

Before being sworn as new members, the candidates had to

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Clinton lawyer talks

Clinton defender takes time out to chat with a Hamilton student about high-profile cases before speaking in the Chapel.

Interview with Jess Vilsack '00
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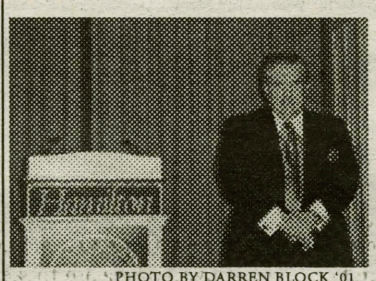

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Bennett told his capacity crowd what it was like defending Clinton in the Paula Jones case.

What experiences influenced your decision to become a lawyer?

At one point I was going to be a doctor. I took pre-med for a while and I found that I was going down to the courthouse and watching trials instead of going to the hospitals. Fortunately for the human race, I decided not to be a doctor. I think after my third year in college I decided to go into law. The notion of a trial lawyer intrigued

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HAVOC group helping shelter

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volunteers sold dog care packages, which raised about $250. On Saturday, November 6, they are holding an auction on from 2:00-8:00 at the Kirkland Art Center in Clinton. Anyone can bid on items, which include dinner reservations, gift certificates, and even a one-night stay at a mountain resort. A portion of the profits will benefit the Stevens Swann Humane Society. Another chunk of the money will go to the Herkimer Humane Society; the remaining sum will go to a spay/neuter clinic that the group is trying to organize.

So far, Fitch is extremely pleased with the outcome of her project.

"I think this is an excellent opportunity to improve community relations," she said. Right now, there are over 80 volunteers, and the organization is considering branching out again to include the Rome Humane Society.

The organization received support from several sources. For example, ATX has agreed to donate half of its Halloween candygram proceeds to the animal shelters.

Joanne Cromnan Hamoy, who is in charge of organizing the volunteers at the Steven Swann Humane Society, is also very satisfied with the organization's work for the past two semesters.

"The program's great," she said. "The students have helped me out in all different tasks, like walking dogs, taking care of the rabbits, and playing with the cats." She added that the volunteers have always been more than happy to do any task the shelter workers asked them to do.

The organization may be indirectly responsible for the increase in the number of animal adoptions. Because students take the dogs on walks, the dogs are calmer and happier, making prospective owners more likely to take the animals home.

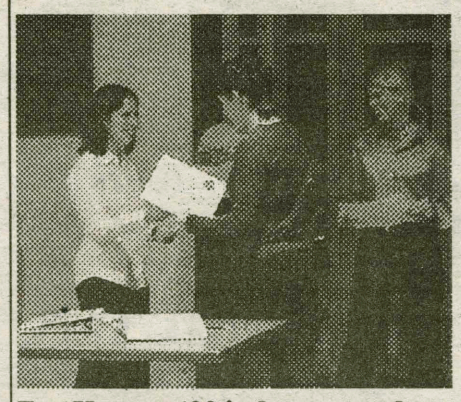
Fitch, presently a junior, is a psychology major who has a strong interest in public relations, which makes her a good person to be in charge of the organization. "I will be disappointed if I don't have at least one job in public relations in my life," she said.

The project has been an amazing success, and will hopefully expand and continue to thrive in the years to come.

PHOTO BY STACIE FITCH '01

This pooch leads one sheltered life.

Psi Chi holds induction ceremony



Zoe Kostoss '00 inducts a student into Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society.

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reaffirm their commitment to the cause of psychology on campus and adopt the role of a loyal alumnus in the years ahead.

Following the swearing-in ceremony and signing of the chapter scroll, the society held a dinner in honor of the new inductees. Also in attendance was Associate Dean of Students Greg Pierce and his wife, Professor of Psychology Penny Yee, as well as other professors in the department.

The following students were inducted into the Hamilton College chapter of Psi Chi:

Jennifer Ann Colgan
Janet H. Davis
Ian C. Fiebelkorn
Christopher M. Hand
James S. Harding
Rebekah R. Hochman
Jennifer L. Klein
Sebastian M. Lecaros
Danielle M. Macica
Lee J. Markowitz
Meghna Rakshit
Megan L. Robinson
Elliott L. Silverman
Rebecca H. Walker

PHOTOS BY MAURICE MICHAANE '03

The Hamilton College chapter of Psi Chi at their induction ceremony Wednesday in the Hub.

Damage may reach epic proportions

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Residence halls seem to be the main target of campus vandals. Marsicane reports that the dorms with heavy damage are Dunham, Bundy East, Bundy West, and Milbank. However, by far the greatest damage has occurred in South, where the current unconfirmed damage bill is $6000. Damage in South is worse than in past years, and the damage bill is well above normal.

"I think it is ridiculous that after we had a meeting about damages when the bill was $1000 the problem keeps getting worse," commented South resident Katryna Swartwout '02.

The meeting Swartwout referred to took place early in the semester with all South residents and Resident Advisors as well as Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, Campus Safety Director Patricia Ingalls and Area Coordinator Bryan McGrath. After only one month of school, South residents had a damage bill in excess of $1000. Most of these damages were from broken bottles that had been thrown from the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors, as well as from multiple light fixtures that students ripped off walls and shattered.

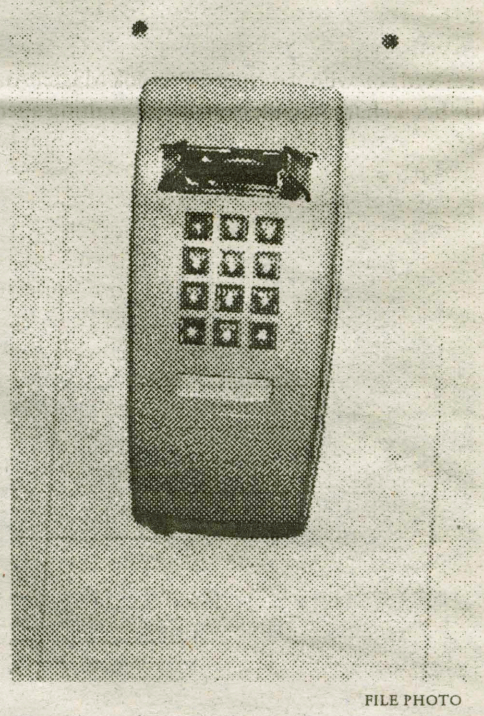
The problem with damage to light fixtures has become so prevalent that Marsicane stated they are currently looking at an alternative fixture that is more vandal-proof and less costly to replace.

Residents were told that each bottle that custodians had to clean up from the sidewalk results in a $50 charge. Especially after weekends, many custodians have to spend much of their day cleaning up after damage instead of taking care of their regular duties. Ingalls told students that not only is bottle throwing a costly act, but also it is a very dangerous one that the administration will take seriously, and students found throwing bottles will face the judicial process.

While the damage bills outrage many residents, some students do not find the damage problems to be a big deal. At the meeting, one South resident commented that the problems of damage were equally bad, if not worse, than last year, and thus there was nothing to get very upset about. Few residents shared this attitude, which the RAs and present administration condemned.

One South resident commented that after putting up with excessive noise coming from a nearby room, he approached the room, only to hear his neighbors deny that they were making any noise at all, and then proceed to make even more noise. Another resident called campus safety to complain about noise at 2 a.m. one weekend, and the dispatcher informed the student that campus safety had already been to the dorm several times that night.

Many South residents have become fed up with the situation and are looking to either get the perpetrators removed from the building or move out themselves. Both Ingalls and Reed Kantrowitz commented that they would not hesitate to ask students to move out of the dorm if they were disturbing other residents and endangering the safety of students.



FILE PHOTO

Every resident of a dorm pays the price for the ever popular 'take the receiver, leave the phone' trick.

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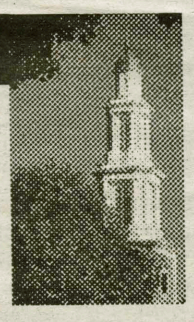

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Cristen Sargent '01

Harvard officials say online notes could lead to trouble for students

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Psychology Professor Richard J. McNally was surprised to learn that the lectures for his introductory psychology course share a Web site with an advertisement for the Discover card.

Someone, apparently one of his students, had paraphrased McNally's lectures and sold them to Versity.com, an online "knowledge center" that collects lecture notes from colleges across the country, then publishes them on the World Wide Web.

"It's news to me," McNally says. McNally says he had heard of services like Versity, but didn't know his own course, Psychology 1, "Introduction to Psychology," was online. "I'm not pleased."

Versity pays students for their notes on 24 Harvard classes, in spite of a longstanding Harvard ban on the sale of lecture notes. For their risk, the note-takers receive about $8 per lecture.

According to Freshman Dean Elizabeth Studley Nathans, selling notes is a serious offense and could mean disciplinary action and a meeting with the Administrative Board.

"Any Harvard student who is employed by or who uses the services of Versity.com or any similar organization, is in violation of College rules regarding the integrity of academic work," Nathans says.

Charles Berman, chief executive officer of Versity, says college administrators have misconstrued the company's mission.

"I think that Versity is dramatically misunderstood. We are focused on being a learning center," not a path-of-least-resistance for students too lazy to wake up for lectures, Berman says. "But if it's used properly, we can create a great product. And that's clearly what we're trying to do."

Family of sexual assault victim sues Yale, dormitory master, New Haven

(U-WIRE) NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The family of the 13-year-old boy whom former Saybrook Master Antonio Lasaga has been charged with sexually assaulting sued Lasaga, the University and the city Board of Education last month. In court papers, the family's attorney alleged that the University knew or should have known the geology professor "had the propensity and profile of a pedophile."

The New Haven boy, unidentified because of his age, and his mother filed suit Sept. 24 in Connecticut Superior Court seeking unspecified damages in excess of $15,000 from the three defendants. In Connecticut, plaintiffs need not request a specific dollar amount in damages.

Lasaga has previously been indicted on state charges of sexually assaulting the boy and on federal charges of downloading child pornography from the Internet and storing it. He is awaiting trial on all charges.

"There are photos of my young client floating around cyberspace, and you'll never get those back," said Frederick J. Trotta Sr., the attorney for the boy and his mother, who were identified in the suit as John and Jane Doe.

Trick or treat riot: Halloween parties turn scary at U. Colorado

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — A section of University Hill resembled a war zone early Sunday morning, Oct. 31, after a block party turned into a riot late Saturday night.

The riot began after multiple house parties on the block of 10th and Pleasant streets overflowed onto sidewalks and the street.

According to a news release from the City of Boulder, Boulder police officers on routine patrol approached members of the Sigma Nu fraternity near the corner of 10th and Pleasant streets at about 11:30 p.m. and asked them to shut down their party. However, as revellers — some 500, according to police —spilled onto the street, the mayhem began.

Rioters dressed in Halloween costumes started at least two bonfires and overturned two vans. One onlooker, CU sophomore Alexandra Perakis, said that a fight broke out after rioters overturned one of the vans and stood on its side.

The van's owner quickly jumped up on the car's side, trying to get people down, but his attempt was unsuccessful and he began punching people out of frustration, according to Perakis. Minutes later, an unidentified man walked up to the van and started bashing in its front window with a crutch.

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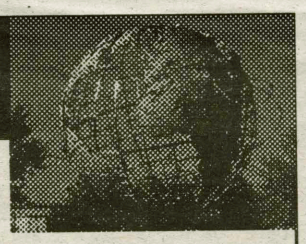

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Bombs kill 2 Islamic militants

MURIDKE, Pakistan (AP) - Three bombs exploded Thursday outside a vast tent village where an estimated 300,000 followers of a militant Islamic group gathered to praise holy wars and to condemn India and the United States.

The bombs went off in rapid succession near the gathering of Lashkar-e-Tayyaba - one of the most militant Islamic groups - killing two people and injuring at least 23 others, police and eyewitnesses said. Two of the wounded were in critical condition.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility and a police investigation was underway.

Lashkar-e-Tayyaba are fighting India for control of its portion of Kashmir. Both India and Pakistan lay claim to a united Kashmir, which was divided between the two uneasy neighbors after British rule of the subcontinent in 1947.

The first bomb went off outside a small hotel and the second and third exploded nearby within minutes. Bomb disposal units found a fourth bomb that was defused, police said.

Security at the site of the three-day affair has been tight, with dozens of men checking for possible explosives. The militants blamed an explosion at a similar gathering last year on Indian security agents.

Terrified civilians flee Chechnya

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia (AP) - Russia allowed thousands of frightened and angry civilians to flee war-battered Chechnya on Thursday after blocking them at the frontier for more than a week.

Russian ground forces, meanwhile, continued heavy artillery and rocket assaults in Moscow's stated campaign to wipe out Islamic militants in Chechnya.

More than 200,000 people have fled Chechnya since Russia began the offensive in September, most to neighboring Ingushetia.

Russia closed all crossings out of Chechnya last week. It opened others on Monday, but only allowed a few people to cross into Ingushetia, sparking sharp criticism at home and abroad.

Officials relaxed controls at the Sleptsovskaya crossing, where thousands of refugees had massed, on Wednesday and allowed many more people to cross Thursday. Russia also allowed others to enter Ingushetia at a crossing farther north, at Malgabek.

There were no immediate figures on the numbers who crossed Thursday. But the flow at Sleptsovskaya appeared as high as 500 people an hour, and a Russian soldier at Malgabek said hundreds more crossed there.

For those who got out, relief was mixed with fury at having to flee the Russian military assault.

UNICEF: Eastern Bloc kids suffering

BERLIN (AP) - The upheaval in eastern Europe since 1989 has led to worsened conditions for the majority of the 150 million children who live in the former communist countries, UNICEF said Thursday.

In a report on the 10 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall, UNICEF said that 8 million people - including 2 million children - have lost their homes due to the wars that have erupted in the region.

In the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan, 55,000 children have been orphaned in the wake of a civil war, UNICEF said.

Across the area, more than 1 million children live under state care. The numbers of small children whose families are on welfare has nearly doubled in Russia, Romania and Lithuania, UNICEF said.

As a result of joblessness and the sinking value of wages, the agency said almost 50 percent of families live in poverty.

UNICEF said the problems weren't due just to the difficult transition to capitalism in former communist countries, but declines in health care systems and environmental problems such as the 1986 Chernobyl disaster that began before 1989.

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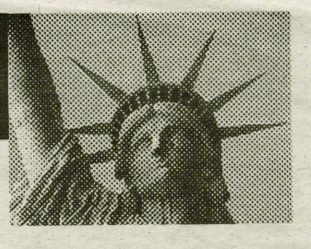

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Clinton asks teams to fight poverty

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - President Clinton sat in the Malcolm X Shabazz High School library, his back to a shelf loaded with university catalogs, listening to 17 teen-agers dream aloud of college and careers.

There was the aspiring surgeon who wants to go to Princeton, the would-be lawyer with her eye on Spelman College, the athlete who may become a chef -if the pro football thing doesn't work out.

These students were already assured of scholarships upon completing a separate Project Grad program, which helps at-risk teen-agers improve their grades and steers them toward college. And on Thursday, the New Jersey Nets adopted Shabazz High as part of a $2.5 million commitment to inner cities from the National Basketball Association, National Football League and Major League Baseball.

Clinton challenged other teams and sports to follow the lead.

He gestured at Nets players alongside him onstage, saying, "There are a lot of guys this tall that aren't playing basketball. They got a chance, and they made the most out of it. And that's what we ought to offer to every child."

In addition, several major corporations committed about $4 million in response to Clinton's "New Markets" initiative - a plan to ensure that the nation's less-well-off rural and urban areas share in the booming economy.

"Now is the time to say the rest of American should be part of our prosperity, and they are the next great opportunity - the new markets of the 21st century," Clinton said.

McKinney spared death in gay attack

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) - Aaron McKinney, who beat gay college student Matthew Shepard and left him to die on the prairie, avoided the death penalty Thursday by agreeing to serve life in prison without parole and promising never to appeal his conviction.

Shepard's parents agreed to the deal.

"I would like nothing better than to see you die, Mr. McKinney, but now is the time to begin the healing process," Shepard's father, Dennis, said in court.

"Every time you celebrate Christmas, a birthday, or the Fourth of July, remember Matthew isn't. Every time you wake up in that prison cell, remember you had the opportunity and the ability to stop your actions that night."

McKinney, 22, a high school dropout and drug dealer, is the second defendant in Shepard's slaying to get life in prison. Russell Henderson, 22, pleaded guilty to murder earlier this year.

McKinney was convicted Wednesday of murder, aggravated robbery and kidnapping for luring Shepard from a Laramie bar, robbing him of $20, lashing him to a fence and cracking his skull with blows from a pistol. Investigators said that robbery was the main motive, but that McKinney and Henderson singled out the slightly built Shepard because he was gay.

Shootings spur calls for gun laws

WASHINGTON (AP) - Spurred by deaths in two fresh workplace shootings, Vice President Al Gore and congressional Democrats accused Republicans of stalling new gun restrictions. Republicans replied that enforcement is the solution, not more laws.

"How many tragedies does it take before the members of the Republican leadership bottling up this legislation get the message?" Gore asked Thursday outside the Capitol, noting the workplace killings in Honolulu and Seattle.

"The leadership of the majority, the Republican Party, in the Congress today is frustrating the will of the American people by refusing to take up legislation that the American people support," he added.

Republicans, who have been unable to reach compromise between gun restrictions passed by the House and Senate, have accused the vice president of being part of an administration that has presided over an increase in mass shootings.

"This administration, as a policy, is putting gun-toting felons on the streets in record numbers," screen star and National Rifle Association President Charlton Heston told the House Government Reform Committee's panel on criminal justice, drug policy and human resources.

Young Democratic Socialists converge on the Hill

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Geneseo; and from as far away as California. Some came as individuals and others as representatives of their YDSA chapters back home. Their goal, as stated in the brochure of the YDSA is "to transform our society - on the job, in the streets, and in the classroom."

The conference began with a general assembly in the Red Pit, a locale that many in the conference felt was more than mere coincidence. Said one delegate, "The socialists are in the red pit. I kind of like that."

The principle goal of the democratic socialists, acting as a third party in a structurally defined two-party political system, is "to build political institutions that can force politicians to the left," as Rabinowitz puts it.

The three parties represented at the seminar made it clear that relative solidarity exists between all of the left-wing parties that society considers radical or a part of "fringe" politics. This solidarity, despite certain ideological differences, allows the pooling of resources, ideas, and support between them.

Throughout the conference, a display table outside the Red Pit showcased numerous socialist newsletters and publications. They included "Young Democratic Socialists Sweatshop Guide," "YDS Chapter Handbook," "the Activist," and others.

The editor and chief of "the Activist," Tracy McMillan, attended the conference. McMillan explained that "the Activist" is the official publication of the YDSA. It features articles from a variety of left-wing sources, cartoons, and advertisements for other progressive and leftist publications and organizations.

During a major part of the YDSA conference, the panel of experts lectured and answered questions about the history of the YDSA and other left wing movements in the United States. A number of experts, including writer and professor Joe Schwartz and Hamilton's own history professor and published author, Maurice Isserman, led the panel.

Isserman gave historical information on YDSA as well as Hamilton's own history and affiliation with leftist politics, such as graduating many progressive thinkers including Bob Moses, leading abolitionist Garrett Smith, and Jim Chapin, who fittingly for the conference was a founding member of DSA. Isserman has been an active member of the DSA for much of his life and even wrote the history of the DSA found on their web-site. Isserman told the captive audience that "when you think about your own activism and your own commitments, think about what you are going to say on your home campus."

"You are very much a minority of your generation," said Isserman, showing empathy for the often difficult plight of young activists in the YDSA.

He called on the group to consider their goals within a society that limits their practical realization and asked, "How will you carry a certain tradition forward?"

Following Isserman, the audience heard from Schwartz. He recounted the history of socialism and welfare policies in the United States and the relationship of this history to the country's status. Schwartz claims that a major problem the YDSA must deal with is "the kind of economy we have now is much more inegalitarian than the former manufacturing base."

Schwartz continued by discussing the thousands of sweatshops found abroad and even in the US and its territories. He reflected that there is no affirmative action that takes class into account. He admitted with some despair that "working class people in this country do get shafted...You literally have to sell your soul to get to the top of society."

In order for the society to ever see any real change Schwartz says, "we have to bring about radical grassroots movements and socialist organizations."

The Fist and Rose, the symbol of the Socialist International.

Another objective of the YDSA conference is to create resolutions outlining the movement's policy. Throughout the plenary sessions, a few major issues came up, including whether or not to back Bill Bradley, a Democrat, in his run for President.

After much discussion, the YDSA decided that even though Bradley runs a rather liberal campaign, they would not endorse him. The rationale was that Bradley, voting in favor of giving aid to the anti-democratic militants, had been in support of the Nicaraguan dictatorship while in the Senate.

Additionally, the group noted that Bradley's record in the Senate did not show any major strides. The majority of YDSA members do not feel that Bradley has the same dynamic powers as Jesse Jackson does, who the YDSA has endorsed for President in the past.

There was also a debate about the role of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Some people in the YDSA feel that the WTO needs to be reformed and changed while others feel that the organization should be eliminated altogether.

Other features of the three day conference included discussion groups named "Arguing with the Center & Right: Libertarians, Republicans & Liberals," "Working off-campus," "Campaigns step-by-step," "Starting and sustaining a YDS Chapter," "Feminists working within a Marxist Context," and "Talkin' Union." The conference ended with everyone assembled in a circle going around the room telling how they felt about their intense weekend long exposure to socialism and the YDSA.

"I really enjoyed the conference. There has been a lot of dialogue. The topics were really good. There were many things I was interested in learning." Declared an energetic member of the YDSA, Autumn Beard.

Adam Berg noted, "I definitely felt that I have some substantive disagreements on the issues discussed here, but I am continually impressed by the level of discourse."

Discussing her ability to have free speech in a conducive environment, Rima Vesely, a member of the YDSA, said, "I can talk in the way that I really want to"

All said, most members reiterated that it had been a long weekend where important issues and events were discussed. As a final touch, the socialists sang a union worker song to the tune of "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah."

One proud member of the YDSA summed up the conference nicely, noting that, "We here talked about a lot of the big issues that are central to our time. It was exciting and electrifying."

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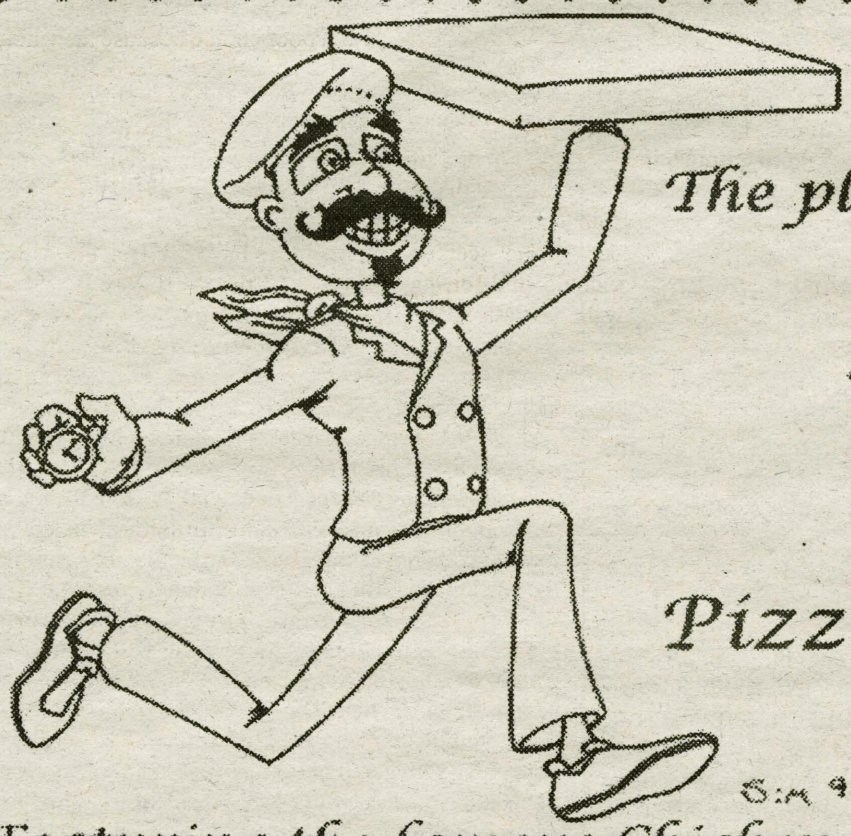

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Robert Bennett: a glimpse into the life of a lawyer

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In college and in law school, did you know what kind of law you wanted to practice?

After I graduated from law school I clerked for a Federal District court judge in the District of Columbia. I decided when I left my clerkship I would go into the United States Attorney's Office. I thought prosecution looked very interesting and it would afford me the chance to be in court a lot. I did that for a few years. Then I decide that I didn't want to stay as a prosecutor the rest of my life so I decided to go out and take my hand at defending people.

What advice would you give to students considering careers in the legal profession?

I think you should keep your options open, your mind open. I think law school is wonderful training even if you decide not to be a lawyer. I think it's a wonderful trainer of the mind. In terms of what you study I don't really think it makes a great deal of difference. I think when you're young you should try to get as broad an experience as possible.

Would you recommend going to law school right away?

I did. But I don't know that's necessarily something I'd recommend. In those days most people my age did that but now I think there are an increasing number of young people who after college want to get some experience. I think that the more you see of life, the more you deal with life, the more experiences you have in life, the better lawyer you're going to be.

When hiring new lawyers what is more important to firms: a degree from a highly regarded school or the class ranking.

My own view, and I think my own firm would say, that the higher ranking in a good law school doesn't have to be what ever you'd perceive the top three or four to be. If you go to a good law school and did very well you'd be one up on someone who went to a very good law school and didn't do so well.

Is there a reason that in high profile matters an attorney is usually the media spokesperson?

Usually a lawyer is doing legal work in the traditional sense of the word, in some very high profile cases, especially when you're representing political figures. Very often the political figure asks you to take on that role, at least in some significant part. With the way communications work, 24 hour news cable, an important part of representing a client in some cases is handling the media.

How does a lawyer in your position decide whom to represent? Do your political views or personal values ever affect this decision?

My political views have nothing to do with it. In fact people always assume I'm of the party of whomever I'm representing. When I was representing the Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger everybody thought I was a conservative Republican And Now that I've been representing President Clinton they assume that I'm liberal Democrat. I decide to take cases based on people or companies who come to me and say they need my help. There may be certain individuals or certain kinds of cases I might prefer not getting involved in. But as a general rule I'm available to help people who are in trouble without regard to their political party or without regard to what they allegedly have done. They're entitled to a defense under the law and I've chosen as my life's work to do that and to give them that defense.

How were you chosen out of all of the other defense lawyers in DC to defend the President?

I don't know. (hahaha) the honest answer is I don't know. I was contacted and asked if I could go to a meeting at the White House. I went to the meeting and meet with the White House Counsel and I was asked if I would get on board. At the time I did not know President Clinton. Had never met him and had never spoken to him. W hat the exact dynamics were which caused me to be called I don't know for sure.

Did the fact that you were defending the President of the United States change the way you approached this case?

The fact that you're representing the leader of the free world, and the fact that the nature of the case had a heavy political aspect certainly had a bearing as to what you did as a lawyer. For example there was not an issue about whether you deal with the press. The issue was how do you deal with them, and who do you deal with and what do you say to them and what you don't say to them. The bottom line of all this is many decisions were made with the heavy ingredient of what is the politically best thing to do and not do.

Traditionally, lawyers are discouraged from trying cases in the media. How do you decide when to talk to the media and what to say without overstepping the lines?

It's a difficult issue. More and more there's been an intrusion in the law by the media and that has been tolerated. When you are representing a political figure you just have to deal with them (the media). As one Justice Kennedy said, "the advocacy on behalf of a client does not start at the doorstep of a courtroom but that defendant is entitled to have their position articulated by their advocate in a more public fashion, in a public forum."I am very careful not to make public statements that could in any way impact on that jury. In most of my high profile cases I find that the prosecutors and those working for the prosecutors are repeatedly making public statements. And when you're representing a public figure they're defenseless. It may be a year or two or three or four years before the charges are made and the case is resolved and if you're a sitting political figure you just can't wait for three years to be defended. You have the right to be defended immediately. Your constituents have the right to hear what your side of the story is. Because these are the people who voted you into office. There aren't a lot of clear rules. All depends on your own sense of propriety and what's right and what's wrong.

Can you use the media to your advantage in a situation like this?

Yes I think sometimes you can but I hasten to say that most of the time you're much better off if there is no media coverage. I find most of the time I'm dealing with the media on a case its really in a defensive posture or to rebuff things that are being said. It's more of a shield then a sword. As a general rule, as a defense lawyer you don't want anything in the paper about your clients. When you represent a high profile political figure in this day and age, that's impossible, because the political opponent will use every opportunity, unfortunately, to bang on your clients head.

How do you think President Clinton's legal troubles have changed the future of the presidency?

I think it remains to be seen. I think one very negative result is that some of the appellate court decisions have indicated that the president cannot just talk to his White House counsel and assume that it's a privileged conversation. If the decisions are taken literally it may well mean that in addition to his Chief of Staff and White House council, any future sitting president may have to have a criminal lawyer on retainer to speak to so he can at least have the assurance that what he says is privileged. Also, I think the Supreme Court's decision that a civil litigation did not engulf the presidency has proven to be wrong in this case.

And I think that every future president comes from some place. Mr. Bush was the owner of the Texas Rangers, so if somebody has a dispute with the Rangers should he be sued if he becomes President? Mr. Gore was a newspaper reporter, Mr. Bradley left the Senate and engaged in some private activities. If either of them become the President can they just be sued? Do we have to go through this stuff all over again? I think this was a very bad development in the history of Supreme Court jurisprudence

Do you think that the general public took the settlement with Paula Jones as an admission of guilt? What was the reason behind offering such a settlement?

I don't think so because it occurred when it occurred. Had there been a settlement early on there was much more of a likelihood of that. Don't forget, this settlement did not take place until after the judge threw out the case. Judge Susan Weber Wright decided that no reasonable juror could find for the plaintiff. The judge threw the case out and he wanted to get on with his life. Also, they had appealed and it was time to just bring an end to this. We had already spent enough time and enough money and enough national anguish over this matter. I think that that's how the public should view it and I hope that's how the public will view it.

Were you forced to handle the timing of the settlement differently because it dealt with the president and with public opinion? Would you have settled earlier if he had been a private citizen without the media scrutiny?

Supposing the president had settled the case right after it was filed... Who's to say it might not have effectively been used by his political opponents to defeat him in his election. I don't want to go into conversations I've had with him (Bill) but in all my cases it the client who, with the advice of his lawyer and others, makes the decision whether to settle a case or not settle a case. It's a highly personal decision...I've had

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Robert Bennett, a law partner of acting President Thomas Schwarz, defended President Clinton.

clients, and I'm not referring to the president, who said I know I should settle but I'm not going to. I didn't do it. I'd rather spend a fortune defending than paying a settlement. I've had other clients, equally honorable people, who say this is too time consuming and tell me to go ahead and settle the case. Second guessers should not get involved because they really don't know how that individual is thinking and that individual's family is thinking and how they want to be perceived down the road.

How do you feel about Mr. Starr's handling of the Independent Council's probe?

I have never demonized Mr. Starr. I don't think Mr. Starr is a demon as some critics have said. I don't think he handled it very well to be honest with you. I think he was a poor choice because the whole idea of the Independent Council statute is to take politics out of law enforcement. If you appoint someone, who in this case had a lot of active partisan involvement with the rep party investigating a Democratic president, rather then taking politics out you're putting politics in. I would feel the same way. I would feel the same way if when I represented Mr. Weinberger, who was a very conservative Republican, they had appointed someone who was an active Democrat. I don't think it's a good idea.

My major criticism of Mr. Starr is that just because somebody has a wonderful resume, and he does, doesn't mean they have the experience to do everything. Mr. Starr has never done this before. This was not a time in which it should have been a learning experience. Mr. Starr replaced another Republican by the name of Robert Fisk. Mr. Fisk was a very experienced former federal prosecutor...he would have been a much wiser choice. He had been picked by Janet Reno, the attorney general, and then the Appellate Court did not continue him. He would have been a much wiser choice because he was much more experienced... There was no more important case to pick the right prosecutor. They should not have picked someone, notwithstanding his prior reputation for integrity, to do this when he had never done it before. And on top of that, when he had such partisan political baggage. It just didn't make any sense.

EDITORIAL

Usually when something good happens, it's done by a specific person or group of people. But every once in a while a whole community pulls together to make something great happen, causing others to stand up and take notice. Such was the case with the Trust Treat, organized by Kara Wilson, Steve Guditus and Father Croghan. The Trust Treat was an opportunity for local children to come up to campus last Sunday night to trick-or-treat, in honor of a Hamilton student who died tragically. Over 250 students lead children around campus, acted in haunted roles, or passed out candy - everyone from DU brothers to Resident Advisors to the EMTs.

Some highlights of Trust Treat included KDO sisters and residents of North dorm, who put together a haunted house complete with fog machines, a boiling cauldron and seductress witches. In Milbank, Brendan Ferretti and friends told a ghost story that even scared the tour guides. In the chemistry building, Karen Brewer, John Doench, Elizabeth Vogel and others concocted green slime and made 'blood' ooze everywhere, to the squeals of delight from their pint-sized audience. At the health center, Rachel Barek was suffering from too much homework while Diane Lynch ushered in the rest of the EMTs in a mock emergency. Even the *Spectator* editors caught on to the spirit, when several children wandered into the office by accident while looking for a bathroom, and the editors offered them some pizza from Tony's.

And although it is said that Halloween is as much fun for the big people who put it on as for those who partake, that almost makes the night's success that much sweeter. The Trust Treat symbolizes what Hamilton students seem to do so well: have fun and do something constructive at the same time. At the tail end of a long week filled with midterms and Halloween festivities, almost one-fourth of the campus put everything aside in order to make sure that a hundred area children had a fun and safe Halloween. Whole-hearted congratulations go to the organizers of the event.

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Praise for Spectator

To the Editor:

I write to applaud the *Spectator* editorial board and staff on an excellent issue this past week (Oct. 29, 1999). The new pages on science news and on travel abroad were engaging and informative; the reporting on both the campus parking situation and the renovations of Dwight Lounge balanced and thorough. I was particularly impressed by the thoughtfulness of your editorial on those renovations. I look forward to reading future issues of such good quality.

Sincerely,

Margaret Thickstun
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Follow the Money

Dateline—Minneapolis/St. Paul Minnesota. Jesse "The Mind" Ventura announced today at a packed press conference his intention to change his name to Jesse "The Name" Ventura. "I heard there's this real cushy gig at Hamilton University called the 'Great Names,' said Ventura. "I thought it would help get the message across to those decision maker types if I, you know, spelled things out for them in spell checker type manner. My brilliant strategic strategy received inspiration during my exhaustive research of Hamilton during my former life as Jesse 'The Mind.'"

Ventura expressed confidence that his stature as a celebrity politician would land him the speaking engagement.

"My new book isn't finished yet," explained Ventura, "so I needed a leg up to compete with the likes of Thatcher and Tutu, henceforth, the name change. I mean, it's not the Great Mind Series, or the Great Speaker Series, or even the Great World Series. Clearly stated on the full color brochure, right there in black and white, it says Great Names Series. Now that I'm Jesse "The Name" Ventura how can they say 'no'?

"And while I've captured your undivided attention here, let me illuminate on some other things about Hamilton. First let me just say that the rumor about there being a women's sports program at Hamilton is totally false. Like I always say, 'You gotta follow the money.' The real sports, like football, like basketball, like hockey get so much more mullah, it makes everything else statistically insignificant. You know, like a margin of error. So the way I figure it, those female type sports are just an error. I mean even if you figure in those girly type men's sports like fencing and soccer... Hey! somebody get a doctor for that reporterette in the first row. Either I'm getting heated up or this must be an inferior foreign tailored shirt . My bulging neck veins popped the button right at her. Uh, don't worry honey, you can get the blood off your blouse with a little vinegar and baking soda. Now where was I?

"Thanks, that's right. I was letting you all in on Ventura rumor control. In my opinion as a professional athlete and star of the World-Wide Wrestling Federation, things are just as they should be. The real sports get the bucks, and the girly sports get...

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please, please hold your questions 'till the end. You ain't been fully illuminated yet. I mean what can be more exciting than seeing the Buff and Blue. And let me tell you a confidential secret from personal experiences—if you're up there in the winter in the buff, your gonna be blue. Up there on the Hill you got young men, you got buff, you got blue, you got football—tell me what can be more exciting than that?

"Cross country? Who cares? You cheer when the gun goes off, wait 20 minutes bored to death then they all come running back like they did something great expecting me to be still awake. Yeah I was there, doing research. You may not have recognized me, I was disguised as Jesse "The Mind" then. I'll take real excitement any day. Like Hamilton's football loss to Williams 13-42. Wow! Real drama there. Maybe the only thing more exciting was the 17-31 loss to Trinity, or was that the 6-34 game against Wesleyan. You get my point. Questions?"

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Patients Bill of Rights Is an Assault on Rights

By Robert W. Tracinski
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After having passed in the House of Representatives, the Patients Bill of Rights must now be reconciled with its counterpart in the Senate. If this bill passes, it will diminish the freedom of doctors, hospitals, insurance companies—and the very patients it allegedly protects.

The bill is an attempt to grant special privileges to some—to be paid for by trampling on the rights of others. It decrees, for example, that health insurance must provide certain benefits, such as longer hospital stays and coverage for a wider variety of treatments.

But these mandated benefits are not free; someone has to pay for them. Will insurance companies be forced to absorb the extra spending on these benefits? Or will the expense be shared by doctors and hospitals, who will be paid less for their work? Or will the cost be passed on to patients, who will have to pay higher premiums for health insurance, making it too expensive for some of them to afford? The one certainty is that someone will be forced to foot the bill to provide the care mandated by Congress. When it comes to all these someones—where is the concern for their rights?

Genuine rights—the kind protected by the original Bill of Rights—guarantee the individual's freedom of action, including the act of trading with others, without being subject to government coercion. But the pseudo-rights being peddled today are actually violations of rights. They are attempts to dole out special government favors, to be given to some by taking away the freedom of others. They are attempts to force people—the people whose abilities have made these medical services possible—to provide their services on terms they would not voluntarily accept.

In fact, this anti-rights approach is exactly what has caused the very problems a patients Bill of Rights pretends to solve. When Medicare was passed in 1965, politicians promised that it would provide the elderly with a right to health care. But once health-care was free—i.e., paid for by someone else—patients (and doctors) had little incentive to control costs. The result was an ever-rising bill for taxpayers. Where was the concern for their rights?

In the 70s and 80s, the government solved the problem of escalating costs by imposing comprehensive price controls on doctors and hospitals—while still requiring them to provide exactly the same services. Where was the concern for their rights? In response to this squeeze, health-care providers shifted the costs to private customers, leading to skyrocketing costs for anyone under 65. Where was the concern for their rights?

Rising prices led to rising insurance premiums, and in an attempt to provide affordable coverage, insurers began to institute managed care systems. These became notorious for cutting costs by sacrificing quality. As a result of government intervention, the normal free-market link between offering a quality product and enjoying financial success was severed. Instead, in medicine, the worse the service, the better were the profits. While every industry in which the free market prevailed experienced falling prices and ever-improving products—computers are just one obvious example—the opposite took place in medicine. Prices rose while service was cut.

Congress now proposes to address this problem—a problem caused by the government's systematic contempt for rights—by passing a Patients Bill of Rights that would expand this assault on rights. It generated this crisis by granting special privileges to some at the expense of others—and somehow seeks to solve it by granting even more privileges and further violating the rights of those who are expected to pay for it all.

Washington has created a statist system under which there is a perpetual conflict of interest among all the participants in medical care. We do not have such conflicts between buyers and sellers of, say, bread or shoes or homeowners insurance. It is only government controls that have made medicine such a conflict-laden, bureaucrat-driven field.

We can only begin to reverse the damage by upholding genuine rights—the individual right of both patients and health-care providers to be free from government interference. If our politicians really want to fight for rights, let them fight for a free-market in medicine.

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That's the Dumbest Thing I Ever Heard

Jay, You'll Never Regret This

W.J. GORMLEY

By writing this, I'm breaking a promise I made to myself freshman year. Never, ever write an opinion piece. I've been content to watch the muckrakers pontificate on "res-life", "sex", "PBX", "Ford Explorers", "black pants", "monkeys" and "bio-medical waste in my food." The years passed, the belly grew, the GPA plummeted to new lows and still I had nothing to say. Until recently; I was sitting in Commons, contemplating more cheese and pork themed vittles, when one of my table mates remarked, "You know you said the dumbest thing in class today, you called the professor stupid."

"He was stupid, his point made no sense" I replied, "Besides I said the article we were reading made a stupid point. Weren't you paying attention?"

"No! Of course not! Who pays attention in class? But you can't call a professor stupid."

The words hit me like a ton of bricks, sticking to me throughout the week like stink on Elvis. It's not what my dinner time companion said so much as what it represented. You see, I could care less if people thought I did something dumb; people have accused me of doing stupid things ever sense I played in a latrine as a Cub Scout. But it was the hypocrisy of it all. How could you ever make a judgement with out any real knowledge of the facts, just based upon some social convention?

As I mulled over the conundrum in my head, I realized that this whole college was a hot bed of hypocrisy, simple truths that upon logical examination fall apart faster than a frat boy in a police station. So I felt I needed to write, to vent, to point out the silly little facts and decisions that both the administration and the students accept on blind faith, but that squarely contradict each other. Before I start, however, it must be noted that I do actually like it here. (I know that I am violating the cardinal rule of *Spectator* opinion pieces; never say anything positive-whine like a little bitch.) This like or love for our city on a hill makes the little things that much more aggravating. So in no particular order...

*** The fraternities rule the social scene, and therefore new social policies must be designed to give independents more control.**

Okay, If that's your opinion, fine. Fraternities and sororities do have a good deal of control. But don't impose further restrictions and costs on running a party in a social space. This year every social space except for the Fish Room calls for at least one security guard. Next year both the Fish Room and North Court will be gone. All that will be left are a 200/350 person space (Bristol/ Bristol terrace), a 325 person space (Bundy) and a 600 person space. Each space will require at least 2 security guards, regardless of the number of people invited. Also who wants to throw a small party in an aircraft hanger. Small intimate places would foster small intimate private parties. Caverns facilitate fraternity beerblasts. Also, the policy holding one person responsible for all infractions discourages people without independent insurance (like non-society members) from throwing social events. It must be harder to swallow for the administration than a fratboy protein shake that now, five years after res life, societies have better facilities for throwing bigger parties and no competition from independent social events. Which is OK in my book, but still hypocritical.

*** We are more competitive than ever, we take more selective students, and therefore are a better college than we used to be.**

I'm all for selectivity, but when this is done at the expense of other factors it is like New Coke. It might be new and improved but it tastes like Pepsi. If I wanted a Pepsi I would buy a Pepsi, but I want a Coke. I didn't come here to be surrounded by clear skinned automatons whose topic of debate is how nice it is to be an alpha and that thank god we have the deltas and the epsilons to do all of the work. We might be more selective but the intangibles, those things that can only be shown through things other than good grades, high SATs and varsity athleticism have been filtered out. We need the weirdos, the wackjobs, the Barneys, the smokers and the geeks to balance out all of the Black Panters and J. Crew-perfect children. If we really want to improve, make an admissions interview mandatory and admit some people with low SATs but great "intangibles." And I swear to god, if I hear "I'm John Smith of the Massachusetts Smiths" again I'm gonna climb up the phallic symbol with an AK and a glock.

*** Open communication within the community is a must. Students must feel comfortable talking to faculty and administration.**

Fine, but this is a two way street, bucko. Last week, five administrators were contacted to find out where the money for Dwight Lounge renovations came from. None of them knew. Bullshit. The donation fairy did not just come on down with a bag of dough. It all comes from somewhere. So tell us where. We are never told anything, and yet the administration then derides us for making up conspiracy theories. So dispel the theories by throwing a little "open communication" our way. But it's not all their fault. C &D might not tell us everything, but there is a culture of non-compliance here. Nobody reports infractions of college policy that they observe, even though they are bound to do so. It's against the unwritten college code to be a rat. Well, screw that. It upsets me when blatant violations of the honor code occur, and then entire psych classes are punished with proctored exams. If some one would just communicate and either confess or point out the malfeasants, we would be a much better community. But there are problems in that because the entire system of Honor Court and J-board is so out of whack. But I digress.

As you can see, I do like to rant. Probably why I should have just shut my trap and never written an opinion piece. I may never again if the crosses on the Dunham quad burn too bright. Well, that's how I feel. Call it stupid; call it dumb, but at least pay attention.

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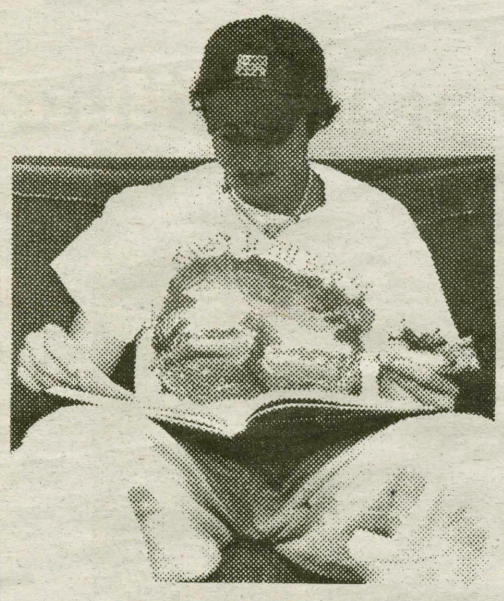

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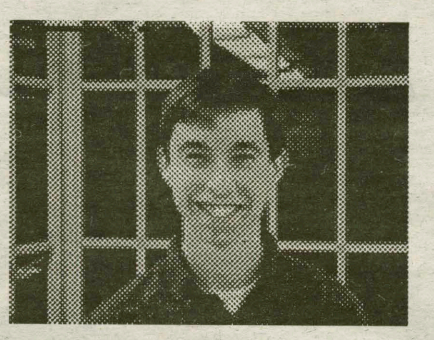

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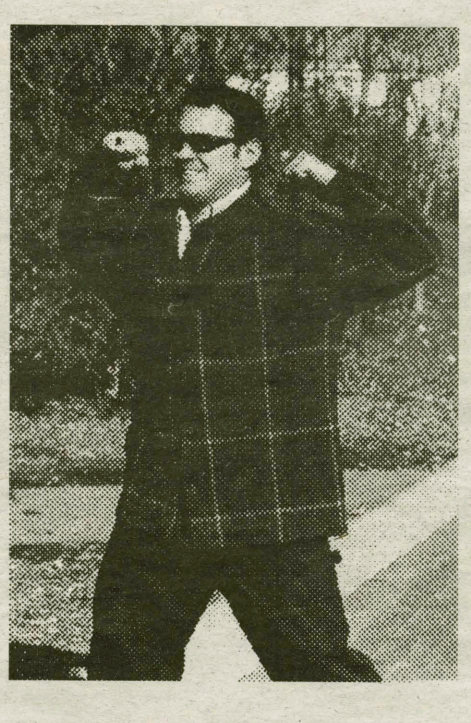

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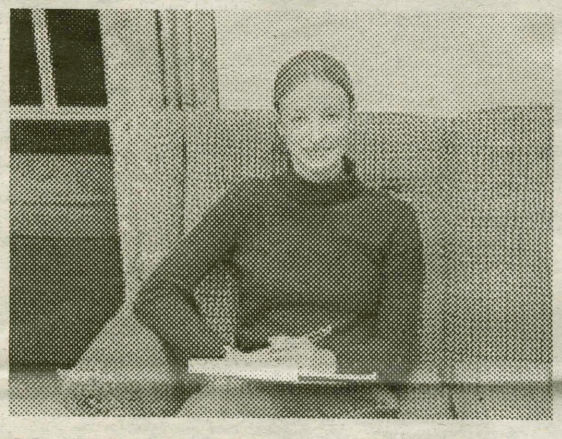

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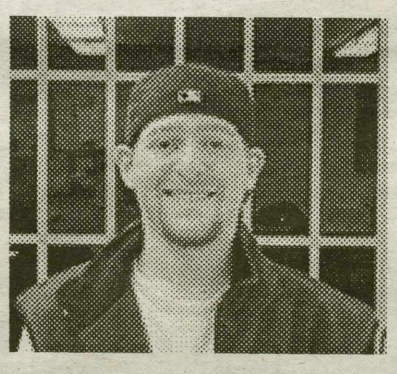

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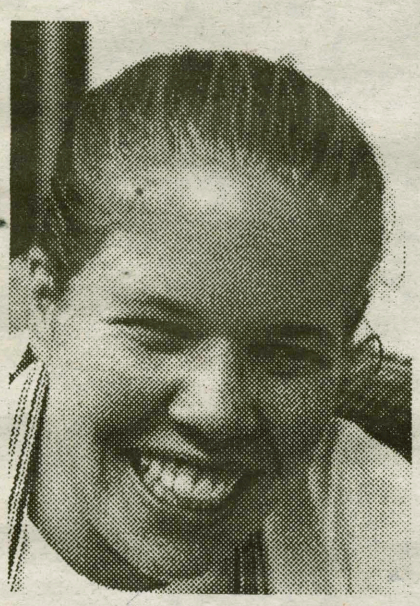

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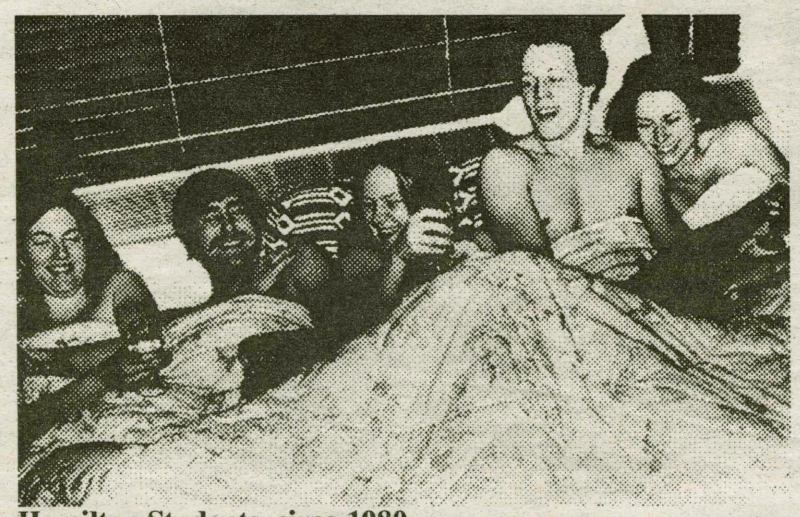

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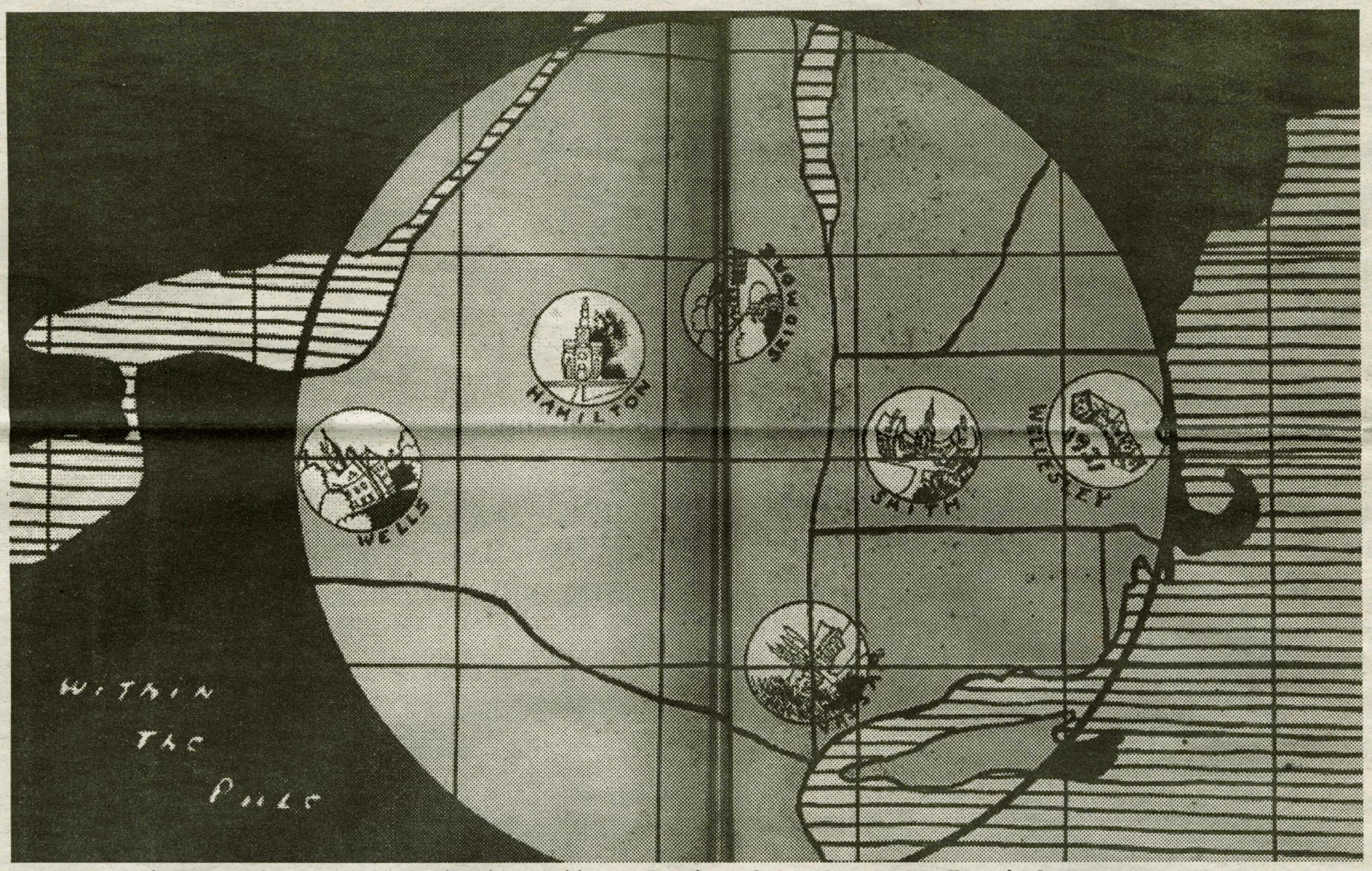

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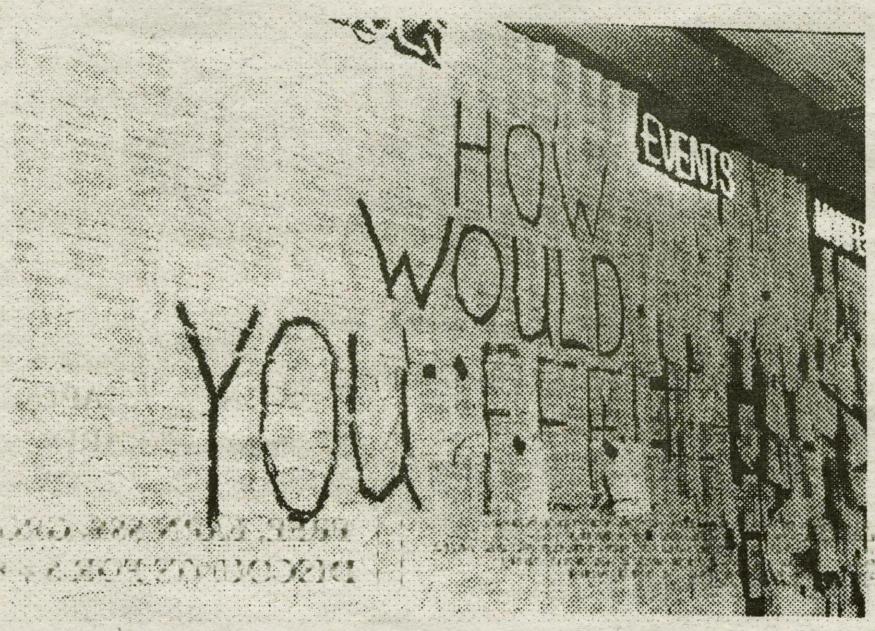

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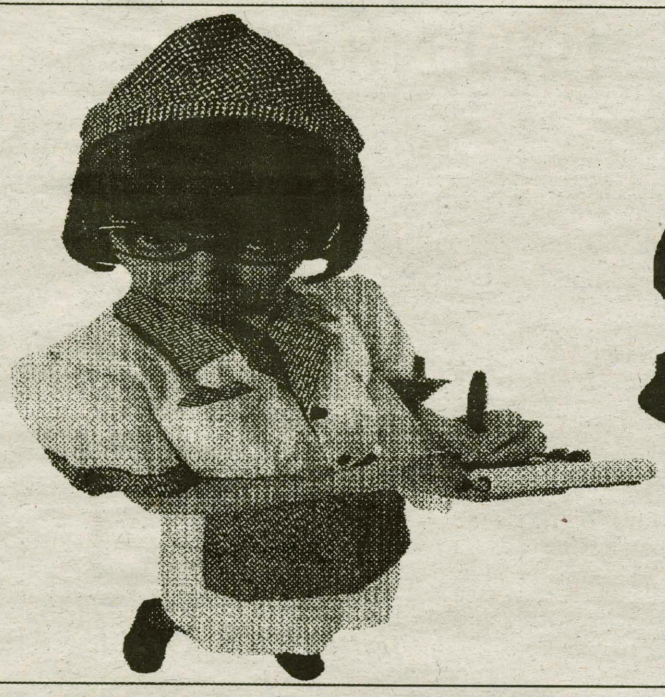

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Volleyball spends final weekend on road

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it was the first time we had nearly all the parents and all the bleacher bums together at the same time. They showed great support," Keller commented.

As those who were attending became noisier, the Continentals appeared to gain more and more confidence—something they will need for this weekend's (Nov. 5-6) NESCAC finals at Trinity College. "I think this win was a confidence booster, as is the case anytime you win," added Keller.

The tournament contains all eleven teams from the NESCAC, and Hamilton has been seeded 10th out of 11th, despite having an above average record of 15-12 (1-2 in NESCAC competition, however). But, as Keller points out, the team's low seed can be a motivating factor to proving to the other ten teams that they are better than their seed would indicate. "I think we are very determined because we are only a ten seed. We play Trinity first, who beat us 3-1 earlier in the year, so a win over them at their place would be a nice start."

Determination by itself, however, does not always add up to wins. In order to win you must have talent, a quality which the Continentals certainly have, as evidenced by their 15 wins. The Continentals possess a "multi-faceted" attack, as Coach Keller calls it. They are the only NESCAC team to place four of its members in the top ten in the league in digs, led by the number one digger in the league, Leah Byrne '02. On offense the Continentals are equally solid, with hitter Kate Clark '02 leading the way in kills, also placing in the top ten in the league. This balance is key to the Continentals' chances in the NESCAC finals.

Despite being on the road for the final weekend of the season, the team should again have a fair amount of crowd support, as many parents have consistently attended road games.Though the Continentals will not have the services of the "bleacher bums" this time, they have proven over the course of the season that they can compete anywhere due to their "multi-faceted" attack.

1999 NBA Picks

	Peter Ringel	David Zane
Atlantic Division Champs	Miami Heat	Miami Heat
Central Division Champs	Indiana Pacers	Charlotte Hornets
Midwest Division Champs	San Antonio Spurs	San Antonio Spurs
Pacific Division Champs	Los Angeles Lakers	Portland Trailblazers
Eastern Conference Champs	Indiana Pacers	Miami Heat
Western Conference Champs	San Antonio Spurs	Los Angeles Lakers
NBA Champion	San Antonio Spurs	Los Angeles Lakers
Most Valuable Player	Tim Duncan	Tim Duncan
Coach of the Year	Danny Ainge	Mike Dunleavy
Rookie of the Year	Lamar Odom	Steve Francis
Biggest Surprise	Milwaukee Bucks	Phoenix Suns
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Upset City! TDX upends DU 22-14 in Richardson Bowl I

by Ned Winner '00
SPORTS WRITER

Perhaps it was divine inspiration that gave quarterback Pete Montgomery the strength to lead tremendous underdog TDX to their first ever IM football championship. Whatever it was, it allowed TDX to stun the campus in one of the most far-fetched upsets in intramural history. With the victory, TDX erased years of bitter memories and disgrace.

Heading into Sunday's action, DU seemed simply unbeatable. Not only were they 8-0, but the DU defense had only been scored upon twice all season: Two touchdowns in sixteen twenty-minute halves of football. In the two teams' first meeting during regular season, DU posted an impressive 22-0 bashing. The specter of playing DU for the championship loomed larger than Goliath (or even Gozer) for TDX.

Injuries aside, the game had to go on. The fabled intramural fields were packed, with many screaming fans jamming the seats. Seated among the throngs were former TDX coach Kirk "Turtle" Tashjian, and blue chip prospects Phil Sambazis and Bryan St. John. Sammy Richardson, patron saint of IM football, was among the dignitaries conspicuously absent from the festivities. After the Buffers belted out the National Anthem, the fanfare was over and it was time to get down to business.

TDX won the coin toss and elected to receive. It has been said that the first drive often sets the tone for the game, and this game was certainly no exception. Montgomery dazzled the full house, mixing precise passing and gutsy rushing. The receiving core, often considered the weak link on the TDX team, was anything but on Sunday. Fine catches by Matt Green, Dan Fallon, and JP Leblanc highlighted the opening drive. Finally, Montgomery hit junior Joe Furst for the game's first score. Furst then caught the two-point conversion to make it 8-0. Incredibly, TDX had put a dent in DU's impregnable armor. The favorites hoped that QB Cal Zarin would quickly bounce back.

Zarin hit all-star receiver Mike Nuclo for two first downs on his first two passes. However, the TDX secondary stepped it up and managed to stop DU before they could tie the game. On the opening drive, as he was all day, Zarin was pressured by TDX linemen Greg Ernstrom and Scotty "the Body" Nelson. On his next drive, Montgomery hoped to do something that no other team managed to do this year: score on DU twice in the same game. On a critical 3rd and goal play, Montgomery evaded the blitz and took off for the endzone. It appeared as though Barry would be able to stop him shy of the goal line, but Montgomery contorted and maneuvered his body in such a way to avoid all DU defenders. When he hit Fallon for the two point conversion, the DU faithful were hushed. On the next drive, however, DU sought to gain back some momentum. They knew that a score toward the end of the half would keep them in the game.

In what seemed like a minor coaching decision, senior cornerback John Rhoads was given the unenviable assignment of covering Nuclo, who had been tearing up the TDX secondary. On the first play of the drive, Zarin predicatably fired long to Nuclo. Receiver and defender went up for the ball, but it was Rhoads who came down with it. The unbelievable interception sealed the half, as a demoralized DU offense trotted off the field.

DU Coach Danny Rafferty, however, had other ideas about who should be in the lead. His fiery halftime pep talk rallied his troops as the whistles blew to start the second half. Zarin seemed like a man on a mission, guiding the offense from the no huddle. A great catch and run by Joe Ellman brought DU within scoring distance. On the next play Zarin and Ryan "Gigantor" McAvery connected for a 6-yard touchdown. Ellman caught the two point conversion to make it 16-8. At this point many in attendance felt that "the sleeping giant had awoken." One could sense an air of insecurity on the TDX sideline.

Montgomery took the field hoping to prove otherwise. The next drive solidified the TDX quarterback's claim to game MVP. In an Elway-esque manner, Montgomery calmly guided the offense down the field. The drive (Montgomery's March, as it is destined to be called) lasted for more than ten minutes, eating up valuable clock time. Fallon made an unbelievable grab over Corey Fasold to bring TDX within scoring distance. When Montgomery hit a wide open Leblanc with four minutes left to make it 22-8, the game was all but over. The scoring concluded when Zarin connected with sophomore McAvery (who missed the first half with a mysterious case of headaches, fatigue, and nausea) for his second TD of the game. When Montgomery took a knee with 45 seconds remaining, players and fans swarmed onto the field in a wild celebration. Montgomery was named the MVP of Richardson Bowl I.

The game's most heartwarming moment (and perhaps the season's) came in the waning seconds. Coach Rafferty, ever the professional, used a time out to replace lineman Josh Spanburgh. The crowd, realizing that this was indeed the Hall of Famer's swan song, rose to their feet and gave Spanburgh a rousing 15 minute ovation. When Montgomery ran over to embrace the fellow senior, all eyes in the place misted over. Said a misty eyed Spanburgh, "You have to tip your hat to TDX. The best team won. I wish I could play for another four years, but I guess it's just my time."

All Intramural Football Team

Coach of the Year: Danny Rafferty
Co MVP's: Matt Green / Cal Zarin
Rookie of the Year: Ryan McAvery
Comeback Player: Pete Montgomery
Defensive Player of the Year: Scott Berry
Richardson Bowl MVP: Pete Montgomery

First Team

Offense

QB - Calvin Zarin '01 DU OL - Dan Kettner '01 DU OL - Evan Langfeldt '01 TDX OL - Greg St. Pierre '00 Wiseguys WR - Mike Nuclo '00 DU WR - Joe Furst '01 TDX WR - Brian Tagliaferro '01 DKE TE - Ryan McAvery '02 DU

Defense

DL - Scott Nelson '01 TDX DL - Josh Spanburgh '00 DU DL - Vidal Torres '00 AD LB - Brian Elkin '00 Psi U CB - Scott Berry '00 DU CB - John Rhoads '00 TDX FS - Matt Green '01 TDX SS - Rich Hoyt '00 DU

Second Team

Offense

QB - Matt Williamson '01 DKE OL - Joe Freeman '00 AD OL - Corey Fasold '00 DU OL - Greg Vasey '00 TDX WR - Tait Svenson '00 Wiseguys WR - Matt Green '01 TDX WR- Ben Meyers '00 Wiseguys TE - Doug Bellard '02 AD

Defense

DL - Greg Ernstrom '01 TDX DL - Hellmut Haffner '00 DKE DL - Clark Hatch '01 Psi U LB - Cal Zarin '01 DU CB - Nick Wilson '01 AD CB - Ned Winner '00 TDX FS - Lee Whitaker '01 Psi U SS - Dave Estrada '02 TDX

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Continentals slip at NESCAC's

by Fred Shear '03
SPORTS WRITER

No team goes through a season without any slip-ups or sub-par performances. The Hamilton men's cross country team is no exception. Unfortunately, their worst meet this season came at the NESCAC Championships last Saturday. Out of a field of eleven, the Continentals placed eighth. This was a disapointment, considering that they expected to finish in the top four or five.

Williams College, ranked sixth nationally, took home first place. All-American Michael Danahy of Bates took home first place overall, with a sizzling time of 25:22 over the 8K course. Final results were: Williams 47, Tufts 59, Bates 83, Trinity, 129, Bowdoin 139, Middlebury 162, Connecticut College 167, Hamilton 196, Amherst 215, Wesleyan 231, and Colby 362.

On a perfect day for running on their home course, coming off a second place finish at the UCAA's and a hard earned victory at the Cornell Invitational, the stage seemed set for a showdown with Hamilton's NESCAC opponents. But disappointments do happen, and the Continentals could not threaten any of the top teams.

There were some impressive performances, namely junior Scott Taylor, who finished 19th overall in a field of 128 with a time of 27:20.

Sophomore Mac Weiss ran a solid race as well, completing the race in 27:38, good for 30th overall.

Hamilton's top five also included sophomore Doug Zeyak, 28:06 (47th), junior Sam Brown, 28:12 (49th), and sophomore John Damaske 28:48 (69th). Other times included sophomore Ryan Murelli, 28:57, freshman Paul Jones 29:16, junior Steve Guditus, 29:21, sophomore Ned Marcalus, 29:40, and junior Seth O'Bryan, 29:55.

"This was a very competitive race," said Coach Brett Hull. "We did not run as well as we could have. But we're not going to make excuses. We just didn't run well as a team, period. It happens. We have to pick up the pieces and get ready for the state meet."

It was indicative of the Continentals' day when freshman Nate Arnold, one of their finest performers all season, could not finish the race due to sickness. His absence hurt the Continetals' standing. Arnold said that he would "try to redeem himself for the team next week at States."

Nevertheless, there is still a sense of optimism heading into the state meet this Friday at Oswego. Last year, after a fifth place finish at the NESCAC's, Hamilton placed fifth in the states.

"Anything is possible. Last year, the women's cross country team finished seventh in the NESCAC's but turned it around and finished second in the States," commented Hull.

Hamilton will send its top ten runners, likely the ten that represented Hamilton at NESCAC's. Sam Brown, Mac Weiss, and Scott Taylor all turned in impressive performances last year at States. Experience is one thing the Continentals will have going for them.

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- Zane on Major League Baseball's hot stove league
- *The Spectator's* top fall athletic performers
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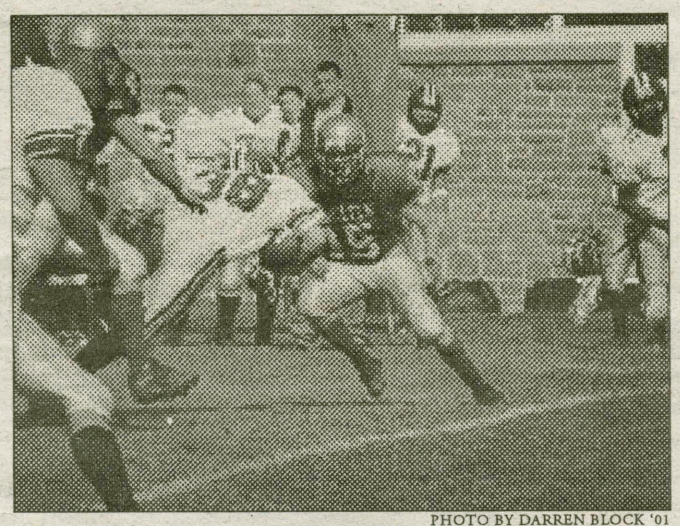
Hamilton falls to nationally ranked Williams 42-13

by Greg Ernstrom '01
SPORTS WRITER

Last Thursday, I asked a player on the Hamilton football team about the team's practices leading up to the showdown against undefeated Williams. His remarks surprised me. "We are just focusing on becoming a better team, not necessarily beating Williams," he said. It appeared that not even the players gave the 0-5 Continentals much of a shot to upset the Ephs, the 22nd ranked team in the nation.

Heading into the game, Williams was playing the best football in the NESCAC and was leading the conference in almost every statistical category. In senior quarterback Sean Keenen, Williams has a legitimate NFL prospect. In fact, Sports Illustrated was at the game to write an article about the senior signal caller. On the other hand, Hamilton came into Williamstown, Massachusetts riding a five-game losing streak that has frustrated the players, the coaches, and the fans. Freshman defensive lineman Andy Basco summed up the Continentals' season best: "The talent is there, we just haven't put it all together yet."

Hamilton's offense sputtered on the opening possession of the game and was forced to punt after just three plays. Williams began the game with good field position, but the Continental defense showed why they are perhaps the most underrated unit in the NESCAC. The defense shut down Williams on three consecutive plays. Yet on the ensuing punt, Hamilton suffered another mental breakdown as Mike Mazzarella '03 ran into the punter, giving Williams a fresh set of downs. The mistake was all Williams needed. Three plays later, running back Fred Stortz plowed into the end-zone giving Williams a 7-0 lead.



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Cornerback Dave Spezzano '02 positions himself to prevent a wide receiver from eluding his tackle.

Hamilton's anemic offense took the field again, only to yield another punt. This time it only took Williams six seconds to score, as Sean Keenan lobbed a 37-yard bomb to wide-receiver Matt Student, who tied a Williams team record with his seventh touchdown reception of the season. Suddenly Williams was up 14-0, and they never looked back.

Hamilton's offense continued to struggle throughout the game, as they have all season. They were hampered by Williams linebacker, "Sweet" Lou Moll, who is the Ephs' leading tackler this season.

Quarterback Robbie Peters threw three interceptions in just two and a half quarters of play. Combined with the four picks he threw last week, Peters has thrown seven interceptions in just over six quarters. Peters finished the day completing just 10 of 21 passes for a dismal 78 yards. However, during the game there were flashes of the talent that Hamilton posseses. Late in the second quarter, junior tight end Jeff Barnett leveled a Williams defender, springing Peters loose for a twenty-yard scamper into the end zone and Hamilton's first score of the afternoon. Sophomore quarterback Brent Lowinger came into the game in the third quarter and threw the ball well, completing 7 of 11 passes for 33 yards. Chris Weeden also broke a 39-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter and finished with 77 yards from scrimmage, proving that Hamilton posseses two top-notch running backs in Weeden and sophomore tailback Chris McCarthy.

The Hamilton defense has been the Continentals' saving grace all season long. Even though the lack of offensive production has kept the defense on the field for extended periods of time, they have managed to keep Hamilton in almost every game so far this season. Junior defensive end Ron Thomas and sophomore linebackers Ryan Nolan and Harry Hristoforatos have played exceptionally well and have anchored the defense. But being on the field for well over half the game against a tremendously talented Williams offense proved to be too much for the young defense to handle last Saturday.

Hamilton enters the final stretch of the season with an 0-6 record, a struggling offense, and an overworked defense that will be without Hristoforatos, who suffered a season ending injury on Saturday.

Yet the players have not lost faith. According to Basco: "If you look at the games we have played, with the exception of Williams, you will see that we have been right in all of them and have just come up short. I know that if we can find a way to put four quarters together, we can definitely beat Middlebury and Bates."

Men's rugby whips Red Raiders 31-7 to close season

by Matt Glassman '00
SPORTS WRITER

The men's rugby Exiles finished their fall schedule last weekend by whipping cross-town rival Colgate 31-7 in a friendly non-league game. The win gave the Exiles a final record of 4-1 on the field, but two unfortunate forfeits, due to scheduling problems, landed the Exiles in 3rd place in the New State East division, and thus out of the state playoffs.

According to captain Ethan Horvitz '00, "It was really tough to be in position this year to make the state playoffs [at the new, higher division] and then have to be kept out because of technicalities. We had a great season. I'm really proud of this team." Most Exiles were in agreement. Coming into the season, the Exiles had been concerned that moving up to Division 2 was going to be a difficult transition. But after posting a winning season and a large class of rookies, their thoughts are now focused on next fall. Said Drew Viscomi '01,"The goal for next fall is nothing short of the D2 state title. We know we can dominate this league just like we dominated the old league [D3]."

The Colgate game served as a good reminder as to just how dominant the Exiles were back in D3. While Colgate is one of the top Division 3 teams (5-1), from the start the Exiles dominated the game. Playing in light rain, the first 10 minutes were sloppy, but it was obvious that Colgate was not going to be able to move the ball against the Exiles' solid back line. At the 11 minute mark, the Exiles took a scrum at midfield, split their backs, and let Ben Mann '00 and Ben Myers '00 go 2 on 2 against Colgate's outside center and winger. The result was a flashy try for Myers and a 7-0 lead for the Exiles. Later, Myers said, "I knew we had it when [we split the backs] and they took us man to man. Anytime you let me and Benny have some open field to work with, it's going to be trouble." Ten minutes later, the Exiles struck again.

With a lineout on their half of the field, the Exiles got the ball out to flyhalf Matt Glassman '00, who delivered a beautiful kick over the head of the Colgate fullback. With Glassman and Sam Evans '01 racing down the field in pursuit, the Colgate fullback had no option but to quickly attempt a kick, which he shanked. The ball was picked up by scrumhalf Pete Muggleworth '00, who dished the ball to the pack, where Drew Viscomi '01 pounded it in for the score, and a 14-0 Exile lead. Immediately afterward, the rain started to really come down, and the rest of the half saw sloppy play and no scoring.

At halftime, the Exiles took out most of their starting team, and let the rookies work the second half. The results were nothing less than outstanding. Although the nervous B-siders let up an early try, they dominated Colgate for the rest of the half. At the 12-minute mark, some slick passing allowed Drew Viscomi to get over for his second try of the day and a 19-7 lead. Seven minutes later, John Hauptfleisch '02 found the try zone on some great work by rookies Matt Millet '02 and Chip Orr '03. Tired and demoralized, Colgate could not muster any offense, and was forced to use a kicking game to try to get by the Exiles back line. With "Sugar" Ray Ash '02 at fullback, this strategy proved fruitless. The backs, led by rookie Dan Egan '03 and steamroller Brain Murphy '01, continually broke the Colgate line. With 3 minutes to go in the game, Ethan Horvitz added another try and Egan '03 made a great extra point to close out the game at 31-7.

Said captain Benny Mann '00, "Our rookies played great today. It's really a tribute to how hard they've worked this fall for them to be able to step in and dominate one of the best teams in Division 3. I'm confident that this team has a bright future."

Three Exiles were named to this year's New York State All-Star team - Ben Myers '00 at wing, Andrew Orzel '00 at fullback, and L.D. Platt '01 at flanker. The Exiles now look to the spring tournament season.

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Men's Soccer wraps up season with 5-1 thumping of St. John Fisher

by Andy Horner '03
SPORTS WRITER

For a team that has played hard all season, and never stopped competing, even under the most trying circumstances, the last two games of their season couldn't have gone better.

With a 4-1 victory over RPI, and a dominating 5-0 win against St. John Fisher, the Continentals finished the season a respectable 6-7-1. Although the numbers are a little disappointing given the skill level of the squad, this team proved itself able to play with the best teams in Division III, including Williams, Middlebury, and St. Lawrence. Led by a defense that never quit, Hamilton finished with an impressive goals-against stat for the season: only 16 goals allowed in 14 games. This translates to a 1.14 goals-against average, and is certainly indicative of the competitiveness with which this team played on a game-in, game-out basis.

Rebounding superbly from the disappointing loss to Colby on parents weekend, the Continentals were led by a rare feat from attacker Dimitry Maurice '03 in the RPI game-a hat trick. Other than Maurice's three goals, tri-captain Sam Jackson '00 added a penalty kick that came early in the first half.

Tri-captain Peter Bellard stressed the importance of the goals by Maurice and Jackson, "...we put them away early, and moved ahead of them into second place in the conference." Indeed, that was where the Continentals would end up, second in a competitive division. The first place team in Hamilton's division was SLU, which finished undefeated. The Continentals lost to them by a mere goal.

In their final game as Continentals, Saturday's contest against St. John Fisher was owned by the four departing seniors-Jackson, Bellard, Art McCann '00, and defensive captain Sean Donohue '00. Jackson struck twice in his highest offensive output of the season, and was joined by his senior teammates Donohue and McCann on the scoreboard. For McCann and Donohue, the goals were their first of the season. Chris Steed '01, who scored on a beautiful header, joined the three seniors in the scoring spree. A large turnout of fans was on hand to see the seniors close out their collegiate careers in style, and seniors provided both the offensive and defensive sparks.

Jackson attributed much of the loose play of the Continentals to playing pressure free soccer, "The tension was gone, we just weren't worrying as much...and we were definitely enjoying ourselves."

Bellard and Donohue were brilliant on the defensive end, shutting down a speedy St. John's attack. After the game, the team received a rousing ovation from the fans, who certainly recognized the hard work and commitment that the Continentals put in this season.

Despite the disappointing final record, the departing seniors had good memories and glowing praise for the younger players on the team. Bellard summed up his feelings on the season as a whole, saying, "It was a fun season. We had a couple of bad losses in games we should have won, but there are no regrets. I was happy to be on the team."

Jackson also had fond memories of the season; "My best memory was seeing a lot of the younger guys step up, like Dimitry's appearance as a scorer." The development of many of the younger players was due in part to the excellent example of the four seniors, and many say that they gleaned a lot about dedication and effort from Bellard, Jackson, McCann, and Donohue.

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Sam Jackson '00 goes all out for a ball during a recent home game.

Everyone has praised the play of these four all season. Jackson and McCann constantly dominated the play in the midfield; with McCann winning many battles for loose balls, and Jackson providing constant all-out effort at the midfield position.

Meanwhile, Bellard was not only the team's number one defender; he also frequently provided punch at the offensive end. Donohue, although injured, came back midway through the season to provide superb defensive work and vital leadership to the otherwise inexperienced defense.

Naturally, as this year's season has come to a close, focus has shifted to next year's Continental squad.

Coach Perry Nizzi was optimistic, saying, "With only four seniors departing, we are going to have a strong nucleus of experienced players next season." Dimitry and Ernest Kwarteng '02 will once again anchor the offense, while Dave Bugliari '01, Huy Huynh '03, and Mike Thompson '03 all seek to continue to dominate opponents on defense and in the midfield.

Furthermore, Andrew Paine '01 will provide additional leadership as he moves from the bench into the starting lineup. Nizzi stressed the importance of this skilled group, "The returning nucleus is good enough to get into a post-season tournament...as long as they work hard in the off season." Add to that mix the incoming group of recruits, and you have the ingredients for a very successful Continental squad next year.

In retrospect, this season was full of ups and downs. The thrill of numerous close games was a positive, but often victory seemed to lie just out of reach. However, they played on despite this adversity, and put a good product on the field every time they played.

Led by the four seniors, they hustled, communicated, and gave the fans something to cheer about in every game. And in the end, they enjoyed themselves, and that is the thing that really counts.

Women's X-C finishes 4th at NESCAC's

Sophomore Maggie Hanson places second overall

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team finished in a somewhat disappointing fourth place in the NESCAC Championships last weekend on its home course.

"It was disappointing to lose to Amherst by two points, because we are capable of beating them. Unfortunately we were unable to pull it all together during the race. Nevertheless, Hamilton still placed much higher than we have ever done in the recent past, and several runners put in amazing performances, most notably [sophomore] Maggie [Hanson] and [freshman] Jenn [Cammarano]," said junior co-captain Emily Hill.

The last two seasons the team finished eighth and had no All-NESCAC runners. Middlebury easily finished first with 45 points, followed by Williams, with 62 points, and Amherst, with 107 points, followed closely by Hamilton, with 109 points. The fourth place finish dropped the team's national ranking from fifteenth to eighteenth.

Hanson led the team as she has all season by finishing second behind Middlebury's Jessica Johnson, with a new Hamilton record time of 17:57; Cammarano finished tenth with a time of 18:24. They were both named to the All-NESCAC team.

"Beautiful conditions and a competitive field resulted in some really exciting performances in the race this past weekend," said Hanson. "The unusual heat may have impeded on some of our women's races, but it will prepare us for regionals." Sophomore Annie Toth finished eighteenth with a time of 18:43 in her first race on the new home course because of an injury earlier in the season.

PHOTO BY MOLLIE GARDNER '03

Women's X-C ripped it up at NESCAC's.

"Although we had some outstanding individual performances this weekend, I don't think we had our best race as a team," added Toth. "We were a little disappointed in our two point loss to Amherst, but it's reassuring to think of how good we could have done if we did have a great day as a team. If we can stay focused for the rest of the season, we'll definitely be able to achieve our ultimate goal of qualifying for nationals."

Finishing thirty-second overall was senior co-captain Lesley Vars, with a time of 19:13. Rounding out the top five runners was Hill, who finished fifty-seventh with a time of 19:53. The next four Hamilton runners were freshmen, led by Sara Roitman, who finished sixty-first with a time of 20:01.

Sue Ferranti, Greta Geer, and Isabel Ezrati followed Roitman and finished 108th, 116th, and 117th, respectively, with times of 21:44, 22:25, and 22:35. Sophomore Sarah Lichtenstein and Freshman Andrea Stroud rounded out the team and the meet by finishing 118th and 119th, with times of 22:56 and 23:53.

This weekend the team travels to Oswego to compete in the NYSCTC Championships. "This weekend at states will be a good opportunity to test our speed against schools such as Cortland, Geneseo, Plattsburgh and Ithaca," Hill remarked. "They are all teams we will have to battle the following week at Regionals to gain a national spot. States will be a fairly low-key race however, because our performance does not have any bearing on whether we qualify for nationals."

There are three other teams that are nationally ranked, so the meet should be quite competitive.

Hanson also finished third at last season's meet, and the team finished second behind SUNY Geneseo. This meet should give the team a good idea of where it stands relative to the rest of the NYSCTC.

Sage, "Bums" serve as confiedence boosters for volleyball team

by Chris Preston '03
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend was a festive one for the women's volleyball team. Heading into the weekend, Coach Susan Keller had encouraged students to come out and show support for the Continentals as they played their final home game of the year on Saturday against Russel Sage. And show support they did indeed.

The "bleacher bums," as Coach Keller referred to them, were vocal, creative and most importantly, positive. Their postive presence accompanied by the presence of most of the team members' parents resulted in an extremely positive afternoon for the Continentals, as they polished off Russell Sage in three games (15-5,15-11,15-11).

The team seemed to feed off of the tremendous crowd support from the "bleacher bums", who were dressed in various bizarre Halloween costumes (a few men were dressed as women), and from the more conventionally attired parents. "Saturday was a culmination of crowd support because

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